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PRO—LIFE ITEMS

Please feel free to share these ideas with your friends and neighbors so that they will go to the polls with the proper facts.

18. As legal abortions become more easily available, the number of babies available for adoption is decreasing. As a result of New York's liberalized abortion law, the demand for adoptive babies in other states is becoming greater than the supply.
19. Abortion is not a private or personal thing. What becomes legally permissable becomes morally acceptable. An act that is intrinsically immoral does not become moral simply because people generally agree that it is. People find it easier to do wrong when everyone also is doing wrong.
20. Doctors all know that there is no miraculous point in the development of a baby at which it suddenly becomes a human being. If human life is precious and sacred, it must be so at all stages of development. The destruction of a 12 or 16 weeks pregnancy is as much of a crime against humanity as the destruction of a near-term baby or a newborn, for the only differences are those of size and maturation.
21. Did you know that the number of babies aborted in the state of New York since July, 1970, already far exceeds the total number of Americans lost in the Vietnam War?
22. The movement to wipe out the "unwanted child" from our society seems to imply that only those children should be born who are automatically "wanted" from the start to the finish. And, do we, the LIVING, MATURE, WELL—ADJUSTED individuals actually believe that our parents greeted the news of our arrival with great desire and jubilation?

Any obstetrician will testify that many pregnant women pass from the states of "unwanting" to "longing expectation." Any woman who has borne a child is aware of the traumatic experience during the early months of pregnancy. Yet a liberalized abortion law will allow a woman to decide whether a child is wanted or not at a period when she is least equipped for such a decision. And, the present abortion laws are called CRUEL?

There will be Coffee and Doughnuts for you and your family to enjoy after the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses this morning. Are you going to take advantage of this opportunity to meet and share with friends?

Pre—Marriage Series For Engaged Couples

REMINDER: All couples who are contemplating marriage WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS are kindly asked to attend the pre-marriage series to be held at Holy Trinity Chapel, 511 West Forest. This coming series consists of two four-hour sessions probing the theological, psychological, and pragmatic realities of Christian marriage. The series will be held October 21 and 22 from 1-4 P.M. each day, in the Newman Center.

All couples, whether they be Catholic or of mixed religious backgrounds, are kindly asked to attend these profitable talks and discussions as part of the preparation for the marriage celebration. Please spread the word of this series to those who might not be aware of it.

Abortion Concerns Informative Session

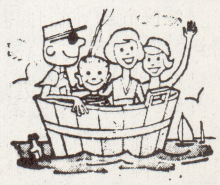
ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 and SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Time is Running Out...

There will be an informative session concerning the abortion issue presented at St. John's on Saturday, October 21 after the 5 P.M. Mass and on Sunday, October 22, after all the Masses. The sessions will be held in the CHURCH BASEMENT for adults and youngsters old enough to understand the material presented. At the same time, a short comedy film will be shown to the younger children who are waiting for their parents. Parents, please bring your children to the walkway between the rectory and church and there will be someone there to take your children to Room 5 in the Parish Center where the movie will be shown. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the Church basement as usual after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses.

We are preparing speakers and slides in order to keep you informed about the many facets which this issue projects, and we know that many of you will want to concern yourself with this most important issue.

We hope to see you after one of the Masses.



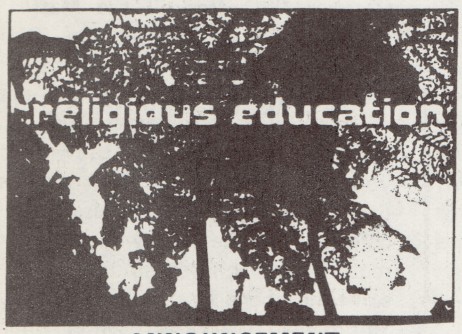
Bring the whole family...

MONTHLY PARISH DINNERS BEGIN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
1:30 – 4:30
PRICE: $2.00
Half Price – 12 and under
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR
ARE YOU COMING DOWN TODAY?

TEEN THANK YOU

Once again the Teens have been overwhelmed by the gift of a pool table, rack, and balls, this time from the Frank Wawrzaszek family. It seems as if the Teen Center has become contagious in the Wawrzaszek household as the family develops a continual interest in our activities, three sons, Gary who helps in the directing of various programs, Mark who was one of the original sponsors of teen activities for Needham Hall and who has given hours of work in the upkeep of the building and equipment, and Jeff who wanders over daily to see who is there and what is happening, or if it isn't, tries to make a "happening" available to all. We are deeply grateful for the hours this family alone has given to teen concerns.

We are likewise grateful to Ethel O'Connor and friends for their grand donation of cookies to the ever-hungry teens. Believe us, nothing ever goes to waste at the Center ... just ask Mark Kuhl!

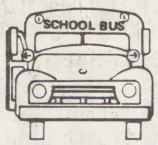


ANNOUNCEMENT

Currently there are no substitute teachers for the Elementary Religious Education Program. This service is especially needed for Program B. There are only 30 classes, that is, 30 hours for the children to receive formal religious instruction. Every minute is precious. It would be best not to have to cancel classes.

Also, in January, five teachers will be needed: two for the third grade (Program A) and three for the sixth grade (Program A and B). Please give this matter careful consideration now as these teachers will be needed in a few months. Sister Carla and Sister Ruth have offered their services as teacher trainers. You would be able to be in the classroom as observers and gradually ease into the role of teacher.

Please contact Sister Sheila at 483-6378 or 483-6396 after 2:00 P.M. on Monday-Wednesday or 9:00-5:00 on Thursday and Friday, if you wish to serve in either of these areas.



WANTED

An Alternate Bus Driver for the St. John Center Bus

Applicant would be called upon to serve as substitute in time of need.

An A – V technician to do minor repairs on films.

Please contact Sr. Anne at 483-6378 or 483-6396.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

We hope to resurface the parking lot before cold weather sets in and, because we need additional space for parking and because the equipment is no longer used by our children to a great extent, we will be disposing of the playground equipment. Both the city and Township will make bids for the items available, but we know there is also interest among some of our parishioners to purchase certain pieces. We will list below the pieces we hope to sell - if you are interested, please contact the Rectory.

5 Basketball backboard and supporting poles
1 Teeter-totter
1 Slide
1 Smaller slide
1 Merry-go-round (platform style)
1 Open merry-go-round
1 Swing (8 in set)

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH

Instructions for prospective converts as well as for those who are wishing for a deeper understanding of their faith will begin Tuesday evening, October 24, at 7:30 P.M. Convent meetings will be held in the Religion Center Library.

COMING EVENTS

Box Social
November 4th
8:30 P.M.
Parish Hall

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

On Sunday, October 8, 1972, in the presence of the parish community, Lisa Marie Cerra, daughter of Vito and Marsha Garcia Cerra; Angela Ann Davis, daughter of Milton and Lois Cunningham Davis; Robert Allen Grzesiek, son of Thomas and Susan Jeske Grzesiek, and Christopher Allen Smith, son of Michael and Janice Cunningham Smith were welcomed into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated by Father William King.

Lisa's godparents were Michael and Dede Beadle; Angela's were Michael and Janice Smith; Robert's were David Dubowski and Carol Jeske, and Christopher's were Milton and Lois Davis.

Congratulations and welcome to the family of St. John's - Lisa, Angela, Robert, and Christopher.

THANK YOU FROM THE BABYSITTERS

A windfall of materials to be used in the babysitting room came in the form of blankets, baby baskets, toys from the Richard Wagners. Another family to show concern over the proper items to be used for the best service to the children of St. John's Parish.

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE BABYSITTING EVERY SUNDAY?

We have babysitters assigned for each Sunday at the 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses, as indicated by the schedule each Sunday in this paper. We are happy to serve you so that you can attend Mass without any interruptions. Why don't you try us this Sunday - we promise to make your child happy with toys, television, treats. They'd love it if you would let them try!

PRESENTING...

COMING ATTRACTIONS FOR ADULTS ONLY

In the New Testament Jesus is described as Himself praying (and instructing others to pray) to His Father. Jesus' act of revelation was (and is) essentially one of "bringing us home to meet His Father." This is Christ's supreme gift to mankind, sharing His own Father with us – which is, of course, why we are "sons of God."

The revelation that is distilled into the pages of the Bible gives us inexhaustible material for reflection about this person who is the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bernard Cooke

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BEGINNING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18,

The opportunity to examine and reflect upon PRAYER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT will be available to all interested adults. FATHER ROBERT KERR from Holy Trinity Chapel will conduct the Meetings.

WEDNESDAYS – OCT. 18 – NOV. 22
6 weeks
You may come at 9:30 - 11:00 AM*
or
7:30 - 9:00 PM

*Mothers of small children may bring their children, if they notify Sister Anne in advance so that babysitting arrangements can be made.

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BEGINNING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13,
10:00 – 11:00 AM

You are welcome to come to the Center whenever possible for an hour of shared prayer using psalms, hymns, readings from Scripture.

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BEGINNING
TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 24
and continuing on three successive Tuesdays:
OCT. 31, NOV. 7 & NOV. 14,
meetings for PARENTS whose children are making FIRST COMMUNION will be held.

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ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN RELIGION CENTER, 411 Florence Street. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 434-6378.

PLEASE KEEP THIS SCHEDULE
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

ARE YOU WILLING TO DO YOUR SHARE?

The Tax Credit Bill was reported out of the House Ways and Means Committee by an 18-6 vote on Tuesday, October 3rd. To achieve an appropriate priority for tax credit legislation on the House calendar, you are urged to launch an intense effort by telegram and telephone to your Congressional representatives. It is possible that it will receive action in the next week or so. An immediate response is desired.

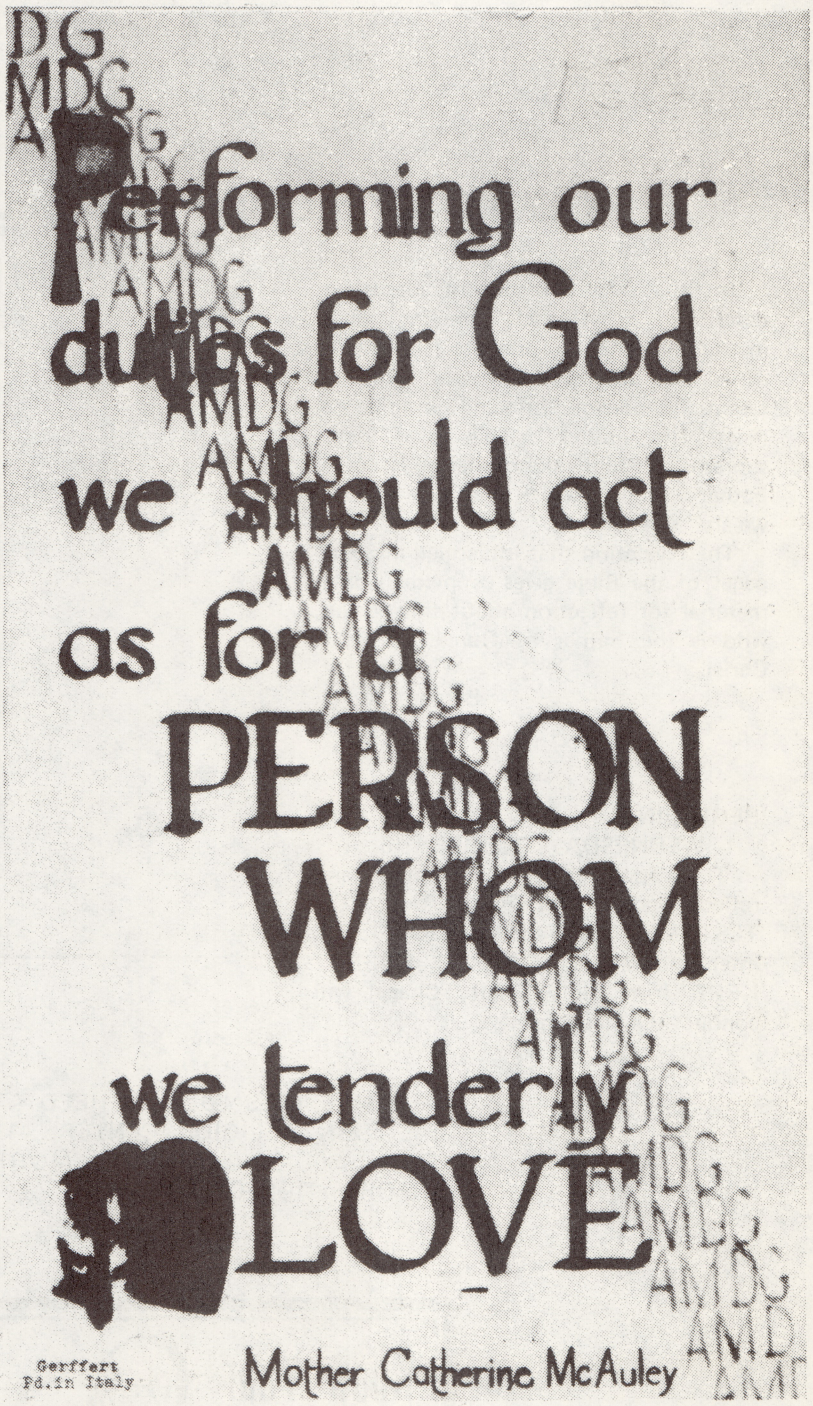
Since the bill may be attached as a rider to other pending legislation and since we do not want to discredit support from either party by citing a bill sponsored by either Democrats or Republicans, we ask that you simply refer to the pending legislation as the Tax Credit Bill which was voted out of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Representatives may be reached by phone by dialing 202-224-3121. We would suggest that not only you make contact but that you urge others to do so also.

Lansing Office of the
Superintendent of
Catholic Education

**Those of you who have children in the Parochial Schools will be greatly aided if the Tax Credit Bill passes. It would behoove us all to work toward the appropriate representation by our legislators.

Happiness is something
we create in our mind,
It's not something you search for
and so seldom find —
It's just waking up
and beginning the day
By counting our blessings
and kneeling to pray —
It's giving up thoughts
that breed discontent
And accepting what comes
as a "gift heaven-sent" —
It's giving up wishing
for things we have not
And making the best of
whatever we've got —
It's knowing that life
is determined for us,
And pursuing our tasks
without fret, fume or fuss —
For it's by completing
what God gives us to do
That we find real contentment
and happiness, too.



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, October 15
- 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses - Babysitting Services, Rm. 5, Parish Center
- 9:00 AM - Pre-School Classes, Parish Center
- 1:30 - 4:30 - PARISH DINNER FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY — COME AND JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR A SWISS—STEAK BONANZA
- 6:30 PM - Sr. High Religious Education Program

MONDAY, October 16
- 4:30 PM - Brownies meet in the Parish Center Lunchroom
- 6:45 PM - Jr. High Religious Education Program
- 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts, Church Hall
- 7:30 PM - Executive Board of Youth Commission meets in the Teen Center
- 8:00 PM - Education Commission Meeting, Parish Center Library

TUESDAY, October 17
- 1:00 PM - Luncheon for Parish Transition, Church Hall
- 7:00 PM - Teen Center Activities
- 7:30 PM - Liturgy Preparation, Rm. 9, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, October 18
- 6:30 PM - Choir Practice, Rm. 9, Parish Center

THURSDAY, October 19
- 7:00 PM - Teen Center Activities
- 8:00 PM - Ushers' Meeting, Rectory

SATURDAY, October 21 and SUNDAY, October 22
ABORTION CONCERNS INFORMATIVE SESSION AFTER ALL THE MASSES.

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 21, 1972
5:00 p.m. . . . . T. Birdsall

SUNDAY, October 22, 1972
7:00 a.m. . . . . M. Wheeler
9:00 a.m. . . . . P. Stokes
11:00 a.m. . . . . J. White

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October 8, 1972

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ALTAR BOYS
WEEK OF OCTOBER 15

WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:00 AM or 12:00 Noon

SATURDAY MORNING MASSES:
9:00 AM - TEAM 1 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Mike Presensky and Mark Courtois
TEAM 2 - Thursday, Friday, Saturday - Tom Weishaar and Larry Dupuis

SATURDAY, October 14
5:00 PM - Rick Eberts and Bill Burgard

SUNDAY, October 15
7:00 AM - Tim Buschell and John Madigan
9:00 AM - Jim Feuerstein and Jim Knowling
11:00 AM - Matt Koch and Tom Patchak
7:00 PM - Mike and Frank Williams

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, October 16, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 AM - James Dignan, req. by Mr. & Mrs. John J. Dignan

TUESDAY, October 17, 1972 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop-Martyr
7:00 AM - Herman Hardy, req. by Ethel & Wallace McDonald
12:00 AM - William T. Wickering, req. by George & Marge Deshano

WEDNESDAY, October 18, 1972 - St. Luke, Evangelist
7:00 AM - Intention of Ella Verville

THURSDAY, October 19, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 AM - Mike Laux, req. by West Point Realty Staff
12:00 Noon - NO Mass

FRIDAY, October 20, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 AM - Special Intention of Faith Vasher, req. by Carol and Janie

SATURDAY, October 21, 1972 - Weekday
9:00 AM - Walter A. Kempf, req. by Maureen Borener
5:00 PM - Staff Sgt. Andre Laberge, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph H. Laberge

SUNDAY, October 22, 1972
7:00 AM - Myrtle Starwas, req. by Mrs. Marie Cleary
9:00 AM - William T. Wickering, First Anniversary, req. by The Family
11:00 AM - J. Don Lawrence, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Arkison
7:00 PM - Intention of the Celebrant

WEDDING BANNS

III — Richard Swope and Barbara Walton

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, October 21, 1972
5:00 p.m. . . . . J. Baker

SUNDAY, October 22, 1972
7:00 a.m. . . . . D. Wheeler
9:00 a.m. . . . . V. Clyne
11:00 a.m. . . . . C. White

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, October 22, 1971
9:00 a.m. - Kris Konz and Julie Motto
11:00 a.m. - Karol and Kay Kuhl

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SUNDAY LITURGY
SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

HOLYDAY LITURGY
5:30 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS
At 11:00 a.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS
7:15 Wednesday evenings.

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